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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, and Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 12, 2004, Applicant hereby calls the following document to the Examiner's attention:

In the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 12, 2004, Applicant notes that the instant application is one of 27 co-pending, commonly assigned patent applications, which were all filed on the same date and contain related subject matter. However, Applicant inadvertently listed only 25 of the 26 other co-pending commonly assigned patent applications, and identifies U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/646,759 entitled "A Retracting Mechanism of a Retractable Lens." Since this application was not one of the six applications believed to be of particular relevance in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 12, 2004, a copy of this patent application is not attached hereto. However, should the Examiner so request, Applicant will provide copies of any or all of the remaining 20 co-pending applications. The Examiner is also requested to review the file

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wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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